



October 30, 1998

To Interim Council Members and Alternates:

The next meeting of the Russian River Watershed Community Council will be on Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 am at **Warner Hall, 1 Citrus Fair Drive (Citrus Fairgrounds) in Cloverdale**. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a Russian River Watershed Management Project Study Plan that meets the needs and objectives of the Council.

At our last meeting on October 3rd, the community selected 64 members and a number of alternates to serve as the Interim Council, with agencies serving as non-voting members. The Interim Council also selected a liaison from each of the major stakeholder groups - economic, environmental, and public - to work with the Corps and Department of Conservation in planning this agenda and to develop an effective way to discuss the Project Study Plan (PSP) on November 7th.

To implement the Council's direction, the liaisons helped organize a meeting with Interim Council members who wanted to provide input on the PSP directly to the Corps and the Resources Agency. We've attached notes and recommendations from that meeting for your review. They met again with Corps staff and the Resources Agency coordinator to revise the PSP based on those recommendations, and will present the proposed changes to the Interim Council. The revised PSP is being sent to you under separate cover, and will also be available at <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/russian/>. We've also attached a summary of individual comments sent to the Corps and the Department of Conservation, and will make copies of the original comments available at the meeting.

We appreciate the time that Interim Council members have spent in providing comments and suggestions to make the Project Study Plan meet the needs of Council members and the community. We look forward to a productive discussion on November 7 and to a final PSP that can help the Council move forward with its work in the Russian River watershed. If you have any questions about Saturday's meeting or the enclosed materials, please call Cathy Bleier at 916-322-9721 or email her at cbleier@consrv.ca.gov. If you have questions about the proposed revision to the PSP, please contact Karen Rippey, Corps of Engineers Study Manager, at 415-977-8537 or by email at krippey@smtp.spd.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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